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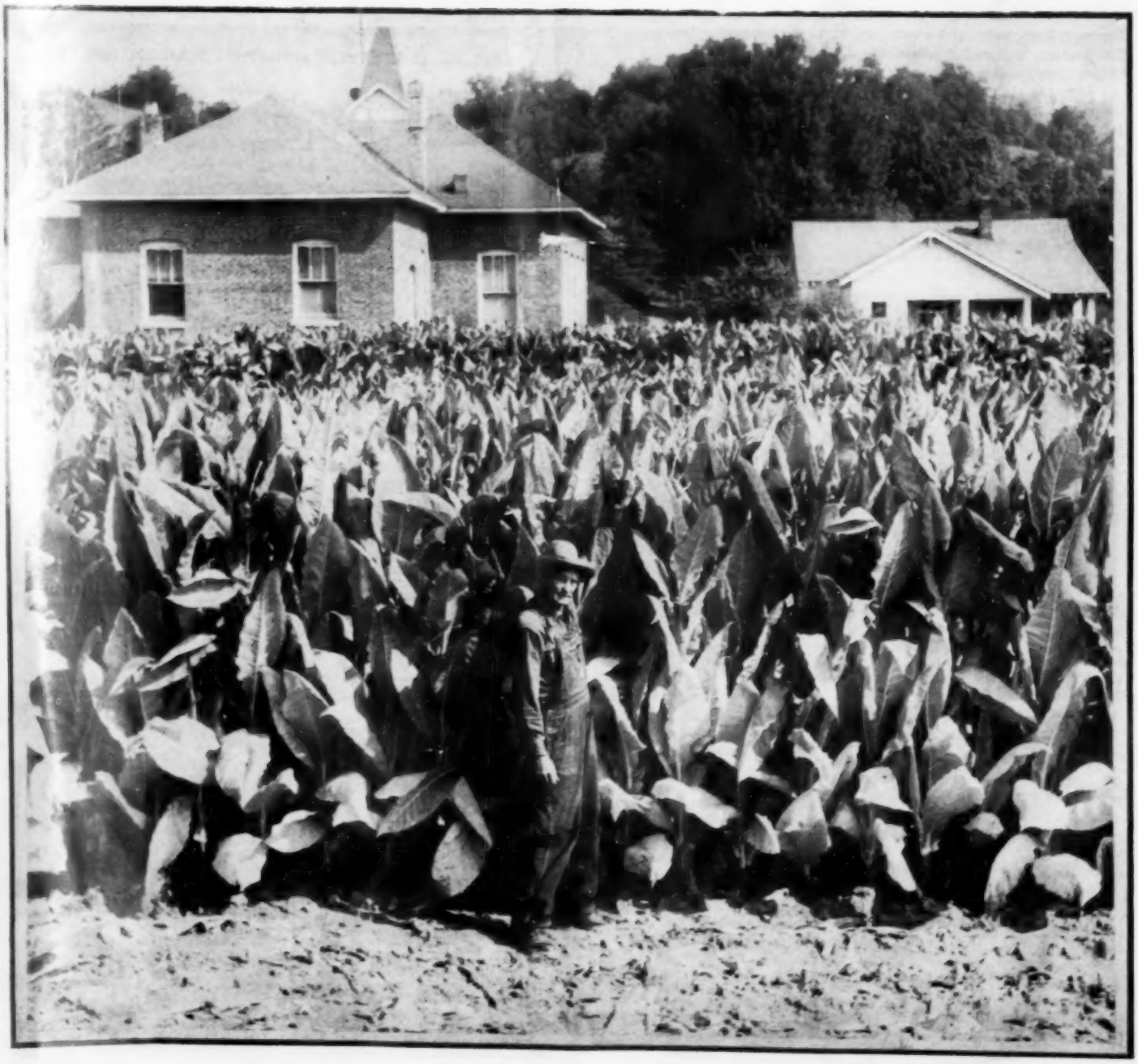

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The Burley marketing season started November 27th and the price average for the first day was $55.69 per hundred pounds.

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News From The Front

Editorial By James McC. Clarke

We must Oppose Further Cuts In Small Burley Allotments

THERE are 19,500 burley tobacco allotments in North Carolina. The average allotment is .53 acre per farm. In many cases burley is the family's main cash income for the year.

MR. CLARKE

The burley growers of North Carolina must insist that their senators and representatives fight to preserve the small allotments, which represent the livelihood of thousands of families. The Kentucky growers, some of whom have allotments of 20 to 30 acres per farm, seek regulations favoring the large operators. We people in the mountains must demand that if any cuts in burley alotments are made, they be made on the large tobacco allotments or not on the small family-operated farms where tobacco is the means of making a living.

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Federation To Handle Price Support Program

THE Farmers Federation will again manage the government price support program on the Asheville, Boone, and West Jefferson tobacco markets. When the buyers fail to pay the minimum price set for each grade of tobacco, the Federation, acting as agent for the Commodity Credit Corporation, gives the grower a check for his tobacco at the support price.

The Federation then has the tobacco dried and stored until it is ready for resale. If the tobacco is sold later at a price higher than the support price, the balance is returned by the Farmers Federation to the grower. The Federation has paid back to burley growers a total of [illegible]967.78 in cash as a refund on the sale of their tobacco to date.

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Orchard Grass Seed Containing Wild Onions A Great Danger To The Mountain Area

WATCH out for wild onions in the orchard grass seed that is offered for sale this year! The Department of Agriculture has changed its ruling on orchard grass seed to permit domestic-grown orchard grass to be sold under the label "Onion Free," even though it contains a lot of dehulled wild onion bulblets. This is a great danger to Western North Carolina. This section has been comparatively free of wild onions, and it is very important that no seed containing wild onions be sold in this territory.

We hope that the North Carolina Department of Agriculture will reconsider this matter and change its requirements to tighten up the ruling and refuse to permit orchard grass seed containing wild onions to be sold in this state.

The Farmers Federation will continue to handle only Danish orchard grass, which is 100% onion free, because we are convinced that this is to the best interest of all our patrons in the mountain area.

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Ted Corn, Jr., New Manager At Marion

TED CORN, JR. is the new manager of the Farmers Federation at Marion. Ted Corn has been with the Farmers Federation all his business life. He started in at the Garage and then became a field man for the Farm Machinery Department. He knows farm machinery and he has installed milking machines for dairymen all over Western North Carolina. For the past year he has been manager of the Granite Falls Warehouse. Ted has been a sales builder wherever he has gone. We are sure that the farmers of McDowell County will like Ted Corn, Jr.

Grady Walker has resigned after a long and faithful service, and we are very sorry to see him leave.

The warehouse at Marion has been completely rebuilt after the fire and equipped with modern fixtures.

Come in and meet Ted Corn. He will be glad to see you!

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New Murphy Warehouse To Open In January

THE new building at Murphy gets nearer to completion every day. It is a fine looking building of yellow brick and is going to be a real addition to the town of Murphy. It will be the most modern warehouse in the entire Federation System, both inside and out, when it is finished.

Every square foot of the inside space has been planned so that we can take the very best possible advantage of it.

Watch for details of the opening at Murphy early in January!

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Modernizing The Warehouses

SEVERAL of the Federation Warehouses need remodeling and need to have better lighting and modern fixtures installed. We have done a lot in recent years to enlarge the Poultry Dressing Plant and to improve the Federation's other marketing facilities, which are of great value to the farmers of this area. The outlay of cash for these facilities has made it necessary to postpone the modernization of some of the warehouses.

We now plan to modernize a few warehouses each year in order to keep the appearance of the Federation's buildings right up at the top in attractiveness and sales appeal.

We hope that some of our stockholders who have money to invest will purchase additional stock in the Farmers Federation to help with this program. You can send a check for stock to James M. Clarke, Vice-President, Farmers Federation, Asheville. Or, you may purchase stock from the manager of your nearest Federation warehouse.

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Russell Sluder Becomes Broiler Field Man

RUSSELL SLUDER has been promoted to the position of Broiler Field Man. Russell has worked closely with the broiler growers for several years at the Newbridge warehouse. He knows a great many of the broiler growers and he knows their problems. Russell will work with Glenn Hawkins to carry on the broiler field work. This gives us an extra good team of broiler field men.

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A Great New Day Ahead

BRIGADIER General David Sarnoff, head of the great Radio Corporation of America, predicts that in the next ten years America will see a growth and development for surpassing anything it has had in the past. In a recent speech he pointed out his company expects to reach the $1 billion mark in sales this year, and of this total **81% is in products and services that did not exist ten years ago!**

This kind of a vision of the future is a challenge to all the abilities we have and to all the energy and talents of our boys and girls.

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Make The Farmers Federation Your Christmas Headquarters

THIS year the Farmers Federation Warehouses are stocking a variety of Christmas toys and other Christmas gift items. Most of the warehouses will also have Christmas trees available in various sizes. Tools make a mighty good Christmas present for every man and boy on the farm. So make the Farmers Federation your Christmas shopping headquarters in your town this year.

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Austin Smith Takes Over At The Hendersonville Warehouse

AUSTIN SMITH will be the new manager of the Hendersonville Warehouse. Mr. Smith has had several years of experience in the farm supply business at Marshall, both as a field man and inside a farm supply store. He served in the Navy during the war, and his experience also includes training in refrigeration. Mr. Smith is married and has five children. He will move to Hendersonville the first of the year.

"H. R." Caldwell has resigned to accept a position as Assistant Farm Agent in Hendersonville. The best wishes of all the patrons of the Hendersonville Warehouse and of his fellow-workers will go with him in his new duties.

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Fifty Years Of National Forests

THE United States Forest Service was established in 1905. This fiftieth anniversary is an occasion to note how much national forests have meant to North Carolina and particularly Western North Carolina.

The Nantahala National Forest has 446,000 acres, and the Pisgah National Forest has 479,000 acres. This is a total of 925,000 acres in Western North Carolina. These forests have protected our game and protected our trout. They are open to the public on specified days each year for hunting and fishing, and they are open to the public all the year round for recreation. Camp grounds and picnic areas are provided, roads are maintained, and perhaps most important of all, water resources are conserved on these great forests.

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Jeter Ramsey Says . . . .

(Editor's Note: Well known to tobacco growers all over W.N.C., Jeter P. Ramsey is now serving his 4th year as Sales Supervisor on the Asheville Market.)

Certainly you want to make more money on your tobacco crop this year. You put many long hours of sweat and toil into your burley allotment, and now the time has come to sell it and make a profit from your investment of time, money, energy and labor.

MR. RAMSEY

By bringing your tobacco to the Asheville market YOU WILL MAKE MORE MONEY this year. Look at the record made last year.

The average price for 100 pounds on the 1954 Asheville market was $54.03 which topped all the other burley markets by a wide margin.

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Supposing you sold 2000 pounds in Morristown, Tennessee last year where the average price was $49.-84 per 100 pounds. You would have made $83.80 more by bringing it to Asheville.

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GOVERNMENT SUPPORT PRICE ON BURLEY TOBACCO $46.20 AVERAGE FOR THE 1955 CROP

The Farmers Federation will again make the support price program available to producers on the 1955 crop of burley tobacco.

Tobacco can be placed under loan only by the original producer and at the rates shown in the schedule below only if produced on a cooperating farm.

Farmers are urged to use special care in handling their tobacco for the market so that they will receive highest possible prices for their crop.

During the current year Farmers Federation has sold approximately 483,000 pounds of the tobacco on hand in the 1952-53 and 54 crops. We now have approximately 7,384,000 pounds left in these three crops.

Joseph Higdon, Treasurer of Farmers Federation, is in charge of the support program on burley tobacco which is being handled for Commodity Credit Corporation on the Asheville, Boone and West Jefferson markets.

Below is the advance schedule of the 1955 crop, type 31, burley tobacco, green weight—(farm sales weight).

U. S. Grade	Advance Rate
B1F	$60
B2F	58
B3F	54
B4F	50
B5F	42
B3FV	49
B4FV	44
B3FK	44
B4FK	39
B1FR	50
B2FR	48
B3FR	43
B4FR	39
B5FR	33
B1R	38
B2R	36
B3R	32
B4R	28
B5R	25
B3RV	25
B4RV	21
B4D	19
B5D	16
B3M	41
B4M	37
B5M	27
B3GF	31
B4GF	28
B5GF	23
B3GR	21
B4GR	18
B5GR	14
M3F	47
M4F	42
M5F	37
M3R	35
M4R	31
M5R	26

U. S. Grade	Advance Rate
T3F	43
T4F	38
T5F	31
T3FV	36
T4FV	30
T3FR	37
T4FR	32
T5FR	26
T3R	26
T4R	23
T5R	18
T3RV	23
T4RV	20
T4D	17
T5D	14
T4GF	21
T5GF	17
T4GR	15
T5GR	13
C1L	67
C2L	66
C3L	65
C4L	64
C5L	59
C1F	66
C2F	65
C3F	64
C4F	62
C5F	57
C3FV	59
C4FV	57
C3FK	53
C4FK	51
C3R	56
C4R	53
C5R	46

U. S. Grade	Advance Rate
C3RV	49
C4RV	46
C4M	50
C5M	44
C4G	34
C5G	27
X1L	67
X2L	66
X3L	65
X4L	61
X5L	52
X1F	66
X2F	65
X3F	64
X4F	60
X5F	51
X3R	54
X4R	50
X5R	40
X4M	47
X5M	37
X4G	37
X5G	27
N1L	38
N1F	27
N1D	13
N1G	11

Tobacco graded "W" (doubtful keeping order), "U" (unsound), "DAM" (damaged), N2L, N2D, N2G, nested, botched, off-type, or decayed will not be accepted.

James E. Walker, Jr., Mgr.

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50 Burley Markets (100 lb. average)	$49.67
Greeneville, Tenn.	53.26
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By V. L. HOLLOWAY
Haywood County Agent

According to recent estimates, the Burley tobacco crop in Western North Carolina should return to our farmers better than eleven million dollars. This is needed cash income that will be distributed to over 19,000 farm families.

With reductions in allotments, all Burley producers are searching for means of increasing the per acre income of this crop. Yields per acre have been greatly increased in recent years and Western North Carolina Burley growers compare favorably with growers in any other state when it comes to the growing of a high yielding and high quality crop. When it comes to sorting and preparing the crop for market, we find that we have a lot of room for improvement. The total income from our Burley crop could be greatly increased if our farmers would consistently do a better job along this line. When we look at the figures showing the amount of Burley that is resold on North Carolina markets, we can certainly see that something is wrong. On North Carolina markets the percentage of tobacco resold averages about one-fifth of our total (or 20 per cent). On Kentucky markets the average is 4 per cent for resale, and on Tennessee markets the average is less than 7 per cent. There are generally two main reasons for resale tobacco: (1) The buyers may overlook some piles of tobacco; and((2) much of the resale tobacco is handled by speculators. The speculator can make money from resale tobacco only to the extent that he can take advantage of the farmer's mistakes in sorting and preparation for market or when he can pick up a bargain where the buyers have overlooked the value of a basket of tobacco.

Good Burley Stripping Room Needed

There is money to be made in the sorting and preparation of tobacco for market. This job is often in competition with many other farm operations for the farmer's time, and often uncomfortable and unsatisfactory working quarters and fixtures cause a farmer to do a poor job. One of the best investments that a farmer can make is to build a good Burley tobacco stripping room. The room needs to be large enough to take care of several hundred sticks of tobacco and at the same time provide ample room for sorting tables and space for bulking down the tobacco as it is worked. A good fluor-

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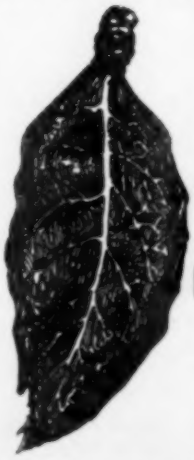

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scent light should be provided with one daylight bulb and one deluxe (or standard cool-white) bulb. This will provide good, uniform light at all times. By working in barns or other unsatisfactory places many farmers will spend enough on doctor bills during the winter to soon pay for a sorting room.

Never Mix Groups

Competition for floor space and selling time has resulted in the farmer being encouraged to sort his tobacco into a few grades and to place a lot of tobacco on one basket. No one can tell a farmer just how many grades to make of any one particular crop without working with that crop; however, a farmer should certainly make as many grades as are necessary to insure the highest dollar for his crop. The different groups, such as leaf, lugs, flyings, and tips, should never be mixed. The company will do their own blending, and the crop will certainly look better and sell better if all groups are kept separate.

All green, verigated or off-color tobacco should be sorted out and not mixed with the various groups. This is where a lot of our farmers lose money each year. A basket of tobacco graded B3F carries a 1954 support price of $54.00 per hundred pounds, and the same tobacco that has had pink, or off-color, leaves mixed in will carry a grade of B3FK and a support price of $44.00 per hundred pounds. This is a loss of $10.00 per hundred that the farmer can ill afford. Green tobacco should also be sorted out if in any quantity. A lug basket graded C4R carries a support price of $53.00. If green is mixed with this basket, it will be graded C4G and will carry a support of only $34.00 per hundred. The difference in the grade received and the support price per grade plainly shows that it is very important that farmers use good judgment in stripping and sorting a crop of Burley. There is no support price on wet tobacco, and farmers should never take wet tobacco to the market. If tobacco is in proper order at stripping time, it should be bulked down and covered immediately, and in this way it will remain in good condition until time to take to market. Wet tobacco should never be packed on baskets and should be properly dried and then packed.

A farmer can take the profit out of speculation through proper sorting, good preparation, knowing what he is doing, and being present when his tobacco is graded and sold

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THE BURLEY MARKET SITUATION

By J. H. CYRUS
Tobacco Marketing Specialist
N. C. Dept. of Agriculture

The economic situation for burley tobacco is somewhat brighter than it was at the beginning of the 1954 marketing season, in that the estimated production for 1955 is less than the disappearance. This will bring the total supply of burley for 1955-56 down to slightly less than it was a year ago.

Over-All Picture

The 1955 burley allotments were cut 25 per cent below 1954; however, the harvested acreage is estimated to be down only 22.5 per cent from last year. This is the smallest acreage since the mid-1930's. The November estimate of the total 1955 crop of burley is 520 million pounds, which is 147 million pounds less than the record crop of 667 million pounds produced in 1954.

The total consumption of burley tobacco during the marketing year beginning October 1, 1954, and ending September 30, 1955, was approximately 530 million pounds, which is practically the same as in the previous year. Domestic use was around 496 million pounds, and exports of burley were approximately 34 million pounds—farm sale weight.

The carry-over on October 1, 1955, was about 1,335 million pounds, which was 11 per cent above the carry-over at that date the previous year. The carry-over plus the estimated 1955 crop of 520 million pounds provides a total supply for 1955-56 of 1,855 million pounds. This is less than 1 per cent lower than the 1954-55 supply of 1,865 million lbs. The supply for the current year will still be equal to about a 3.5 year's supply at the present rate of disappearance. A 2.5 year's supply on hand is considered a normal level in order to take care of the demand for properly aged tobacco. Thus, we are still faced with a large surplus of burley tobacco that must be eliminated in order to bring the supply in line with demand.

In North Carolina

In North Carolina the growing and curing seasons were favorable for another big crop of high quality burley tobacco. The North Carolina crop of burley was estimated on November 1 at 22,660,000 pounds, which is only about 9 per cent less than last year's record crop of 24,384,000 pounds. This estimate places the current burley yield at the phenomenal level of 2200 pounds per acre, which is by far an all-time high. Thus, North Carolina burley growers have shown again that they have a soil and climate favorable to the production of a high quality crop with the yields far in excess of the national average, which is only 1,596 pounds per acre this year.

J. H. CYRUS

Market Trends

During the past two or three years, a trend in the marketing pattern has shown a gradual shift in the qualities of tobacco demanded by various buying companies. This trend has already developed into a definite marketing pattern during the current season. Many companies are showing almost a complete shift this year from the thinner lugy grades, which are usually the higher price grades,

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to the lower qualities of the heavy leafy grades, which is lower priced tobacco. This shift in the marketing pattern has developed with the increase in consumption of filter tip cigarettes, and can be associated very closely with the increase in production of filter tips.

This situation creates somewhat of a marketing problem in that the domestic and export companies are competing for the same grades of tobacco that were formally export grades, leaving many of the grades normally used by domestic companies to be taken in under the Government loan program.

The level of price support for the 1955 crop of burley tobacco is 46.2 cents per pound based on 90 per cent of parity. This is only one-fifth of a cent lower than the 1954 crop support of 46.4 cents. Therefore, the grade support prices for the 1955 crop will be practically the same as in 1954. Growers will probably find that the market price for their heavier leaf and tip grades will be a little stronger this year due to increased competition on those grades, and the prices paid for the better lug and thin leaf grades will be nearer the support price established for those grades. Thus, the average price paid for the 1955 crop, grade for grade, should be fairly near the 1954 level.

Sort Grades Carefully

The circumstance in the present market situation calls for a little extra precaution on the part of the farmer in preparing his tobacco for market if he wants to get the most money for his crop. Extra precaution should be taken to sort all grades into just as uniform lots as possible, especially the better grades of lugs and bright leaf, since a large per cent of these grades are likely to go into the pool under the loan program. The more uniform one makes those grades, which consist of the highest quality tobacco on the plant, the higher the standard grade is likely to be, which in turn means a higher price for your best tobacco. Therefore, the care used in sorting a crop into uniform grades is going to determine to a great extent how much money a grower will get out of his 1955 crop of burley tobacco.

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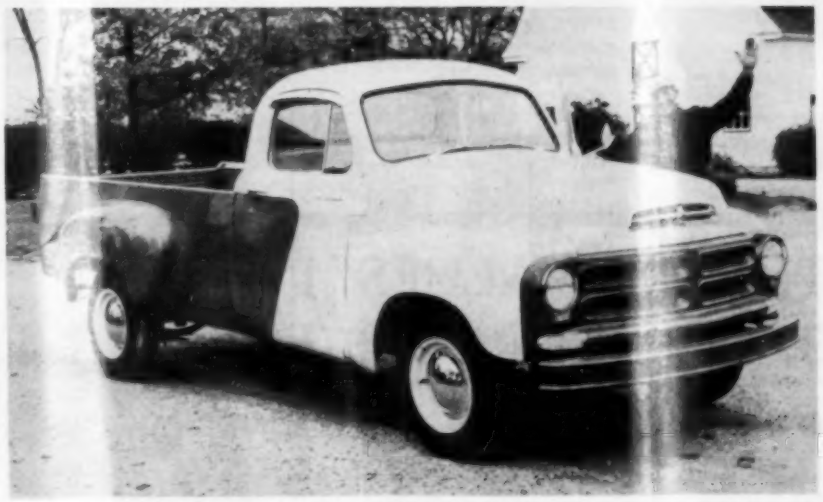

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Better Communities Through Community Development

By MORRIS L. McGOUGH
Agricultural Development Council

Rural communities all over Western North Carolina continued to make remarkable progress during 1955 through the Community Development Program. The year marked a new high in activities in this program where the people in the communities organize to bring about community improvements and farm and home improvements.

A total of 105 communities in 16 counties were organized and participated in the Western North Carolina Rural Community Development Program. This was the largest number since this movement was started. Several other communities have organized Community Clubs in recent weeks and have already started on improvement projects.

The enthusiasm and community spirit that has been stirred up in most of these organized communities is hard to describe. The winning community in each of the sixteen counties was visited by a group of judges late in November to determine the top communities in the area. It was nothing unusual for 50 to 100 people to be present to meet with the judges. A brief look at such things as new community buildings, remodeled churches, roadside beautification projects, cleaned off cemeteries, recreation areas and spic-and-span homes was adequate proof of the great amount of work done in these communities.

Through meeting together, working together and playing together, the people of the communities are learning to be better neighbors. The feeling of community responsibility and closeness such as existed in the days of the little one room schoolhouse have returned.

It was chair-making time for the folks of the Addie Community in Jackson County when this picture was made. Last Summer this community built a Community Center as one of their community development projects. They needed chairs. With the assistance of Mr. L. E. Carter, who has a small furniture plant in the community, the folks got together and worked at night, building 100 chairs. Another project has been the erection of a parsonage, now nearing completion. President of the Community Club is W. D. Dillard. (Photo by Lou Harshaw, Chamber of Commerce)

The community development program is not just concerned with community projects. Much emphasis is placed on better family living and on finding ways to increase the income of the community. Progress has been made along these lines too, just as on the bigger jobs like beautification and community centers.

For example, the sixteen communities in the final judging reported such things as 303 houses painted, 199 houses remodeled, 179 kitchens remodeled, 109 homes installed running water, 182 lawns seeded, 579¼ acres of land cultivated that were idle last year and 126 families reported having developed new sources of income during the year.

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Judges for the Western North Carolina Rural Community Development Program visit a young farm family in the Union Community of Rutherford County. Union was the winner among the organized communities in Rutherford County and competed in the finals of the Western North Carolina judging.

Left to right are Judges W. M. Landess of the Tennessee Valley Authority, Knoxville, Tennessee; E. Y. Floyd, Raleigh, Director of the Plant Food Institute of North Carolina and Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Stevie Oliver and their young daughter; Judge Lucia Brown, Associate Home Editor of the Progressive Farmer, Birmingham, Alabama and a visitor from Pakistan. (Lou Harshaw photo)

communities. This gives the real basis for progress.

This program has also brought town and country closer together. Business people and civic clubs in the various counties offered $8,000 in cash awards to the communities making the most progress.

In addition, $1,750 was presented to the area winners, with the Farmers Federation giving the top prize of $500. This program is promoted on an area basis by the Asheville Agricultural Development Council.

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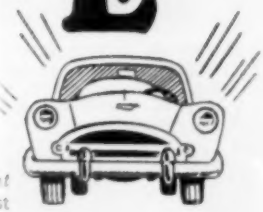

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The Dunn's Rock Community of Transylvania County erected a roadside market which was open on Saturday mornings for three months this summer. A total of $1157.35 worth of surplus vegetables, eggs, needlework, etc., was sold by 26 different families. Dunn's Rock was the winner among the 8 organized communities in the county.

Community workers of Whittier in Swain County are shown clearing off a cemetery. This was the prize-winning community in Swain County. Candler Childers is the Community Club president.

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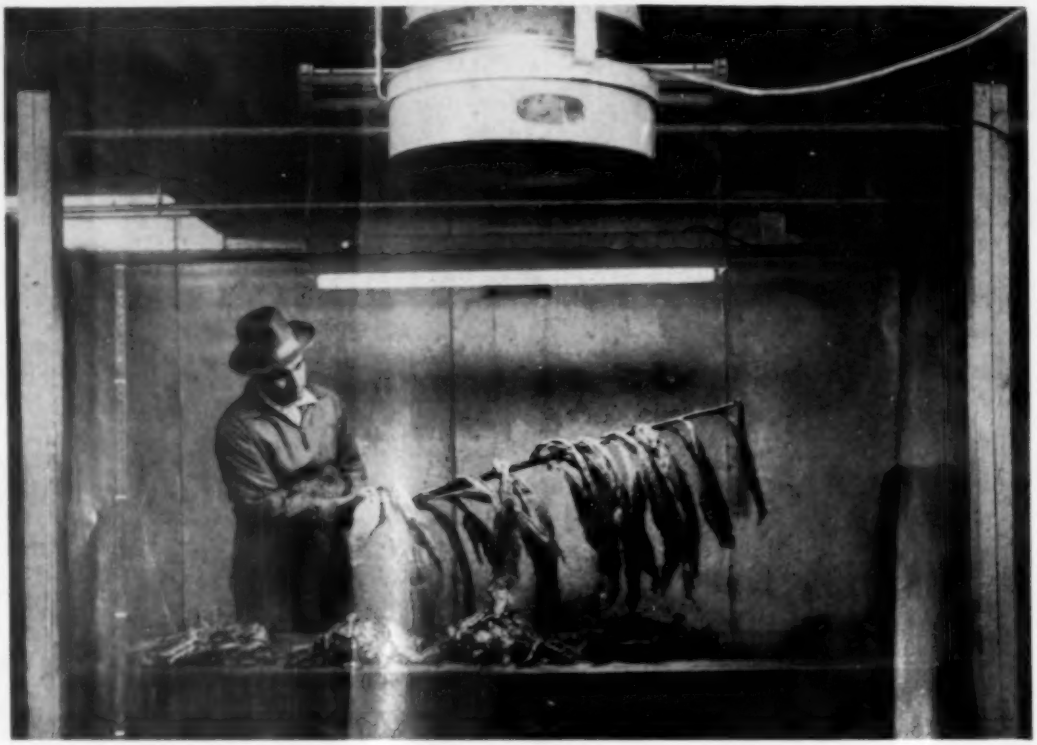
PREPARING BURLEY TOBACCO FOR MARKET

By R. R. BENNETT
Agronomy Ext. Specialist

The growers and tobacco manufacturers must feel their full share of responsibility for the quality of products that goes into the cigarette.

Much of what is in a pile of tobacco, when it goes to market, ends up in cigarettes. As to whether the grower uses care in picking out green suckers, green leaves, foreign matter should be dependent on the consumer's attitude toward the product, and the satisfaction he gets from the smoke, not just the price alone. The future of any business depends on the pride the people involved take in the quality of the product produced. The satisfaction derived and the future volume of a product used depends much on quality, and quality depends on the pride the producer takes in his effort. Special care and effort is justified in preparation of tobacco for market.



Fluorescent lighting is best for grading and sorting tobacco.

Why Sort Tobacco?

1. Sort tobacco into the various groups, quality and colors. The tobacco leaves that grow at various locations on the stalk vary in the amount of injury, body, oil, texture, chemical composition, color, size, length, etc. If tobacco is sorted properly the manufacturer can combine a certain percentage of those grades possessing the qualities that appeal to the smoker or the user of tobacco products.

If tobacco is not sorted then the manufacturer must go to the expense of sorting, or lose control of his blends and formulas. The fact that companies may use some of several grades in a blend is a weak

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argument for not sorting. If a company can use 5% of a given grade in his blend and your tobacco is sold with 15% of the given grade in the pile, then sorting must be done or the combination or blend must be changed to conform to the unsorted tobacco. Keep red, green, dead and chaffy tobacco separated from the good cigarette tobacco.

2. Sort tobacco into uniform lengths.

Some tobacco is "tipped" as it is being prepared for stemming. That is, the tip part of the leaves are cut off up to a point where the stems and veins begin to get too large. If there are long and short leaves in the same hand the long leaves will be cut too far up toward the butts of the leaves and the short leaves will not be cut off far enough or not at all.

A similar problem would exist if the farmer planted tobacco in irregularly spaced rows, varying from 3 to 4 feet, then tried to cultivate with equipment that was designed to cultivate crops in rows spaced 4 feet apart.

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The children of Mr. and Mrs. Byrle Robinson, who help manage Robinson Dairy, 10 year old Loretta and 12 year old Ronnie started their winning streak at the Yancey County Dairy Show on September 26th where each won blue ribbons for both showing and fitting. Ronnie also received a 4-H Club medal at the Burnsville Dairy Show.

At the W. N. C. Junior Dairy Show at Enka on September 27th, where the picture on this page was taken, Ronnie showed the champion in the Junior Jersey class, while Loretta showed the Senior Jersey Champion and both of them received blue ribbons for fitting and showmanship.

Then at the State Fair Dairy Show at Raleigh on October 18th Ronnie came through with a 2nd place in the Junior Jersey show and won a blue ribbon while Loretta won 3rd in the Senior Jersey Show, also receiving a blue ribbon.

To top it off they both won 6th place in the open show, a record that shows how well these youngsters used their training and experience to good advantage. They received $18 apiece for their Blue Ribbons and $6 each for their open show awards. In all their cash winnings totaled approximately $110.00.

Ronnie's cow, "Stylish Doll," is a one year and 5 months old Jersey and Loretta's cow, "Susie." is 2 years and 4 months, both cows coming from the Morrocroft Farm in Charlotte.

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1 teaspoon paprika
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1 tablespoon lemon juice

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FAMOUS FRUIT SALAD DRESSING

⅓ cup sugar
1 teaspoon flour
1 egg yolk
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 teaspoon celery seed
1 cup whipping cream

Mix sugar, flour and egg yolk in a saucepan. Add fruit juices and cook over low heat until thickened, stirring constantly. Add celery seed. Cool. Stir in whipped cream just before serving. Makes about 2 cups.

CHOCOLATE PEPPERMINT PIE

2 - 1 ounce squares unsweetened chocolate
2 Tablespoons butter
⅔ cup sifted confectioners sugar
2 Tablespoons hot water
1 - ½ cups (1-4 oz. pkg.) shredded coconut

Melt chocolate and butter together in one quart saucepan over low heat. Stir until well blended. Add sugar and water and stir until blended and smooth.

Empty coconut into 9 inch pie plate, cut with scissors to break long shreds. Fold into chocolate mixture.

Butter pie plate and empty chocolate mixture into it, reserving about two tablespoons for garnish. Spread mixture evenly over bottom, sides and edges of pie plate. Place in coldest part of refrigerator to set firmly, about ten to fifteen minutes.

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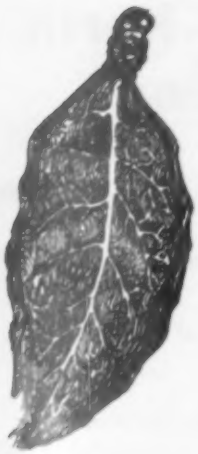

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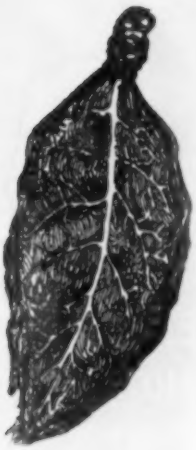

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More registered Angus were transferred to new owners during the past 12 months than in any similar period of breed expansion. There were 147,631 purebreds transferred in 1955, a total of 10,259 more than were sold in 1954.

Registrations of purebred calves were second highest in the association's history with 186,316 Angus entered in the American Herd Book. This number was surpassed in 1954 when changes in the age divisions of animals under regular registration fees bolstered the number of calves falling into last year's entries. The 1955 registrations were 25,562 head more than those recorded in 1953 and more than triple those in 1945.

"While the starting of 2,559 new breeders in 1955 is extremely encouraging for beef cattle improvement," states Frank Richards, executive secretary of the national association, "we are also highly gratified for the interest in Angus heifer projects shown by our junior cattlemen. In addition to the large number of adults entering the purebred Angus business last year, we had 467 new junior members, a 13 per cent gain over 1954. Since the association made these junior memberships available in April, 1952, a total of 1,600 youngsters have started their own herds with a heifer or two."

In 553 public auctions held during the past 12 months, 6,692 registered Angus bulls brought a total of $5,129,854 to average $766.57. Females numbering 31,539 head sold for $13,600,301 to average $431.22. The 38,231 head of registered Angus selling at public auction in 1955 brought a grand total of $18,730,155 averaging $489.92.

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redrying can be accomplished in many cases. Tobacco that carries too much moisture becomes abnormally dark in color and stained in redrying and in the aging process. The need for high order in tobacco during stripping, sorting and tieing would be eliminated if the grower were equipped to maintain a certain amount of moisture in the sorting room with a humidifier. "Wet" tobacco indicates an impatience on the part of the grower, and a tendency to use too much water so as to bring the tobacco in order too quickly. Many times a grower will let tobacco absorb too much moisture in rainy weather or cloudy nights, so that by the time the tobacco is stripped and tied in dry crispy days it will still contain enough moisture to tie and market. This leads to dangerous practices, loss of quality, much wet or damaged tobacco and loss to the grower.

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The boys of the Hound and Coon Club gathered around the back of a pickup truck on a cold January afternoon. Piled into one corner of a large cage was a living, squirming mound of raccoons. It was the first shipment of eastern raccoons to be stocked in the mountains of western North Carolina.

"Now that we've got 'em," said one, "How and where are we going to put them?" "Other clubs," offered another, "have been putting them out in pairs in woodlots near home."

"Yeah," said someone else," but they won't stay in small patches of woods."

"Why not?"

"Must be a matter of food—takes a lot of acorns, grapes, and spring lizards for a pair of 'coons and there's not much left in January."

"These 'coons are used to easy living anyway."

"Why not throw corn out for them?"

"Might work but there's too many squirrels and rats—they'd eat it all before the 'coons got it."

This problem has faced the numerous raccoon clubs in western North Carolina ever since the raccoon restocking program was started. The boys were right, too. Raccoons need a large territory to range in and eastern raccoons, used to numerous shellfish and other easily acquired food in the mild winters of the North Carolina coast find slim pickings in the bitter cold of our mountains.

The Wildlife Commission has been working on this problem for

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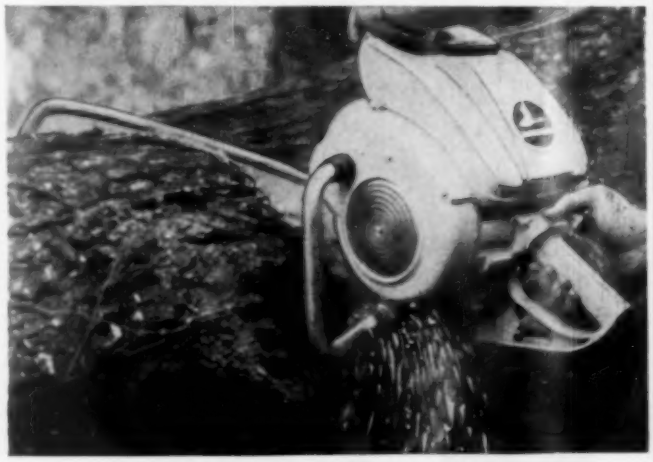

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a number of years and has come up with several management practices that are helpful.

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These feeders need to be checked occasionally, as high water may swell the corn so that it wedges in the opening. Mice sometimes move into the upper part and it, too, should be inspected regularly.

Another method which has proved helpful is the planting of chufas. Chufas are a small tuber, in appearance quite like a small artichoke. They are grown in eastern Carolina for hog food and raccoons will feed on them the year around.

Of course, chufas must be planted in the spring before the winter you expect to release your 'coons. A few clumps should be pulled up and the tubers exposed to get things started.

Both of these practices will furnish plenty of winter feed, available when and where it is most needed. It will hold your raccoons in a very small area where they can be protected.

Where the woodlot is small, second - growth timber, it is often well to place nail kegs and wooden boxes (with about a 5" square hole) in trees for use as dens.

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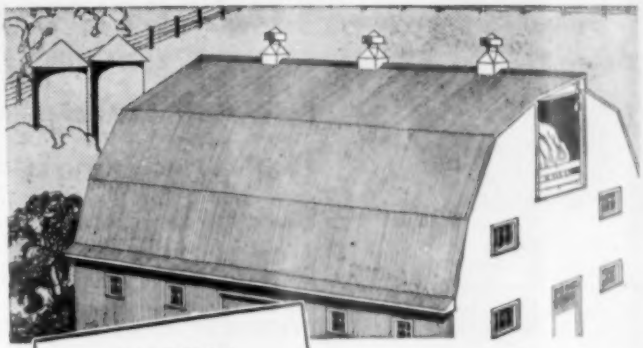

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A registered Jersey bull, X. Standard Ivy Signal, owned by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Mountain Experiment Station, Waynesville, N. C., is announced by The American Jersey Cattle Club as having qualified as a Tested Sire.

Ten tested daughters of X. Standard Ivy Signal produced an average of 8,599 lbs. milk containing 457 lbs. butterfat on a twice-daily milking, 305-day mature equivalent basis, which is more than two times the butterfat production of the "average" dairy cow in the United States. All records were made under official supervision of The American Jersey Cattle Club, which has its national headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

Eighteen of his daughters have been classified for type by an official classifier of the Club. They attained an average score of 85.% as compared to the breed average of 83.59%.

X. Standard Ivy Signal has been officially classified for type by the Club and given a rating of Very Good.

This sire was bred by Walter Welkener, Jacksonville, Fla., purchased in 1947 by J. B. McNiel, Johnson City, Tenn., who sold him to his present owner in 1952.

B. E. Gramling, Gramling, S. C., has just purchased the young Guernsey sire, Eskdale Mack's Patten, from John R. Kimberly, Tryon, N. C., according to the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

This richly bred young sire is out of the high-producing cow, Eskdale Noah's Patricia, that has once been classified Very Good for type, and has two production records of 1[illegible] pounds of milk and 744 pounds of fat, made on three times daily milking for 365 days as a junior two year-old and met calving requirements, and 15,091 pounds of milk and 794 pounds of fat, made on three times daily milking for 365 days as a senior three year-old. He is sired by Eskdale Ideal's Mack.

Two registered Guernsey cows owned by A. B. Slagle, Franklin, N. C., have completed official Advanced Registry records that were supervised by North Carolina State College and reported to the American Guernsey Cattle Club for approval and publication.

On three times daily milking for 365 days, Belmont View Ned's Supreme, a seven-year-old, produced 14,689 pounds of milk and 720 pounds of fat and met calving requirements. This production represents approximately 6,979 quarts of high-quality milk. She is the daughter of the famous Guernsey sire, Quail Roost King Ned, that has 108 sons and tested daughters in the Performance Register.

Belmont View Gazer's Hassie produced 12,987 pounds of milk and 564 pounds of fat, milked two times daily for 365 days as a junior three-year-old and met calving requirements. This production represents approximately 6,047 quarts of high-quality milk. "Hassie" is the daughter of the outstanding Guernsey sire, Klondike Premost Star Gazer, that has 10 tested daughters in the Performance Register of the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

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Topping the list of iron-rich foods are the various types of liver. One serving will provide more than the 12 milligrams of iron usually recommended per day. Oysters, scallops, clams, lean meats, sweetbreads, and liverwurst are good sources of iron, as are dried fruits, loganberries, avocadoes, eggs, dried beans and peas, whole grain and enriched breads and cereals, potatoes, green vegetables, sauerkraut, escarolle, mustard and other leafy greens.

Combine these high iron foods with other protective foods in the following daily pattern for a diet that will be high in quality too. Serve the proteins of eggs, meat, milk, cheese, fish, or poultry at each meal; two or three servings of fruit each day with one a citrus fruit or juice, tomatoes, or melon; green and yellow vegetables and legumes; potatoes once a day; whole grain and enriched breads and cereals two to three times daily.

As iron dissolves from foods easily, canned foods, cooked after being put in the cans and sealed, may be better sources of minerals than fresh foods improperly prepared. To avoid loss of iron and other minerals, nutritionists recommend quick preparation (no presoaking) of vegetables, and especially a short cooking time. This conserves vitamins and flavor, too! Serving foods with the liquid in which they are cooked is also a good practice. To keep the min-

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That money bags may be made of scraps of velvet, silk and so on. Make little draw string bags and place the money in it and tie to a Christmas tree. Small items and costume jewelry may be wrapped in such a manner.

That a dime store bread board decorated with stencils plus a Box of crackers and a selection of foil-wrapped cheeses make a delightful gift.

That a pair of wooden coat hangers, sanded and waxed to remove any rough spots will make a useful gift. Decorate with artificial flowers, a Christmas bell or ball or just a perky red bow.

Be sure to save your old Christmas cards for next year's Christmas decorations.

Have you made a New Years resolution?

Here are some good recipes for Christmas baking! They are simple and easy to bake.

Rolled Cookies

(Makes 8 dozen—2" diameter)

½ cup butter or fat
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup sugar
1 egg
2 cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
3 tablespoons milk
½ teaspoon flavoring

Blend the fat, sugar, salt and egg. Mix dry ingredients and add to the fat - egg mixture alternately with the milk to which flavoring has been added. Blend well. Chill dough before rolling for easy handling.

Place about one fourth of the dough on a lightly floured board and roll to one-eighth inch thickness. Cut into plain or fancy shapes. Place cookies on a baking sheet which has been rubbed with fat. Bake in a moderately hot oven—400°F for 12 to 15 minutes.

Apple Sauce Cake

1 cup raisins
2 cups sifted flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
⅛ teaspoon soda
¼ teaspoon salt
1½ teaspoons mixed spice
1 teaspoon grated orange rind
⅓ cup butter
½ cup sugar
2 eggs
1½ cups unsweetened apple sauce

Sift dry ingredients, mix in raisins and flour well.

Cream sugar and butter together. Add eggs and beat thoroughly. Add dry ingredients, alternately with apple sauce. Turn into greased and floured pan and bake one hour at 350° on a moderate oven. Let stand five minutes and then remove from pan and cool.

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Garden Notes

By Mrs. C. C. Proffitt - Asheville Garden Club

As we come to the close of the year and winter sets in, one may ask what is there left to do in the garden now that the last bulb and shrub has been planted, the leaves raked, and the tools, (cleaned and oiled) hung up? All real gardeners know that there are jobs to do every month in the year, altho there comes a lull in our activities during the dormant season. Our outdoor work is now at a minimum. With the exception of putting mulches on the rose bed and borders after the ground freezes, applying a dormant spray on shrubs subject to scale and other pests, and keeping a close eye on the cold frame where green plants are wintering over, there is not much to be done outdoors. True, there will be pretty, mild days when we like to get outside, and most always can find some unfinished tasks to do. It is a good time, also, to study the "skeleton" design of your garden, now that it is bare of flowers and leaves and see if the winter landscape can be improved. This month, the evergreens and berried shrubs stand out in all their glory and mean so much to the beauty of the winter garden. If you have not included a sufficient number of these—especially the broad-leaf types like the various hollies—try to visit some nursery and get acquainted with these lovely varieties which you might want to add to your planting.

Save the pruning of your evergreen shrubs until the season before Christmas, so that they be used in your decorations. "Grow your own Christmas greens" might well be a motto of every good gardener.

One other important reminder is to provide water and plenty of food for your bird vistors to your garden during the winter months. The bird bath and feeding station should become a focal point of interest in the garden at this time, to lend color and interest to your winter garden.

As we come indoors, green thumb activities increase, for there are house plants to look after. The trend now seems to be to use more growing plants in the home, particularly the tropical foliage plants, as decorative features of the home. In the newer homes, as part of the architecture, there are plant troughs built in in which to grow these plants. Also more attractive flower stands and glass shelves are on the market on which to group plants to make more pleasing pictures. Keeping house plants to make more pleasing pictures. Keeping house plants healthy requires some study and regular daily attention as to proper watering and feeding and keeping them free of dust and pests. Feed your house plants less during the short, dark winter days.

Amaryllis bulbs should be potted this month and those that have been resting after flowering last, can now be top-dressed and started into growth.

Before we get too involved with our Christmas preparations, look over your garden magazines and send off for some of the garden catalogues that you will be wanting come January. About one third of the magazines this month are given over to a directory of garden books and catalouges, classified according to the various plants.

Besides garden books, you will find an endless assortment of garden articles that might help to solve the gift problem for your gardening friends.

As the Christmas season approaches, we begin to plan our Christmas decorations to make our homes festive and gay. Many ideas are obtained from magazines, friends, and special Christmas decoration exhibits like that put on by the Asheville Garden Club to which the public is invited.

There are two main problems we face as we bring our evergreens into heated houses: Keeping them fresh, so that they will not drop their needles or leaves, and not letting them become a fire

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hazard. Various methods have been suggested in this column from time to time such as spraying or soaking evergreen branches in a solution of fruitone, or using a plastic spray and always placing the tree either in a container of water or wet sand.

The other recent things I have read about are the Christmas tree fire ball sold by Max Schling of N. Y., which can be used not only as an ornament but also a fire extinguisher in case of fire as it contains a fire extinguishing fluid while the other is a suggestion given by Milton Carleton in last December Flower Grower of fire proofing the tree and other decorations by using a saturated solution of ammonium phosphate solution. He suggested dipping the greens or tree in it, which would be possible in case of a small tree but rather difficult for a large tree. Perhaps, spraying or adding some to water in a container might serve as well.

As we wind up the old year, I'd like to quote from a garden editorial: "How rich and multitudinous are the blessings of gardeners! How infinite and unlimited are our opportunities to spell out the infinite beauty of flowers! Thus, we look back over the cycle of seasons behind us to ask how well we have stood up to the challenge that was ours. Likewise we look forward to another year full of eternal hope and promise in our world of flowers."

Merry Christmas to all, and to all a Happy New Year!

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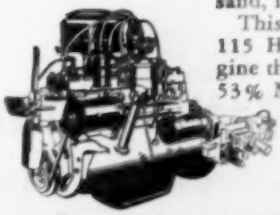

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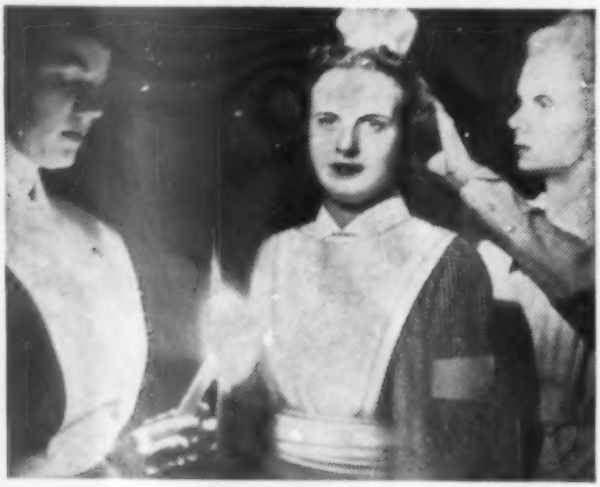

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Brownies

(Make 16 two-inch squares)

⅓ cup butter or fat
1 cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
2 eggs
2 squares chocolate
½ teaspoon vanilla
⅔ cup sifted flour
⅓ cup chopped nutmeats

Blend fat, sugar, salt and eggs together.

Melt chocolate over hot water; add with vanilla to mixture.

Add flour and nuts and mix until smooth; spread batter one-half inch thick in a square pan (8½" x 8½") which has been rubbed with fat. Bake in a moderate oven (350°F.) 25 to 30 minutes.

Cut into squares or oblong strips when slightly cooled. Remove from pan immediately after cutting.

Refrigerator Cookies

(Makes about 8 dozen cookies, 2½" in diameter and about 8" long)

½ cup butter or fat
½ teaspoon salt
½ cup brown sugar
½ cup white sugar
1 egg
½ cup chopped nutmeats
1½ cups sifted flour
¼ teaspoon soda

Blend fat, sugar, salt and eggs. Add dry ingredients and nuts to this mixture. Blend well. Shape into a roll about 2½ inches in diameter. Roll in waxed paper and chill in refrigerator for several hours or overnight. Cut thin slices of chilled dough with sharp knife and place on a cookie sheet which has been rubbed with fat.

Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 12 to 15 minutes.

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Out of the earth comes first a single green leaf, springing from the bursting sprouted seed that is the symbol of resurrection in all faiths and religions since the spirits of thought and faith were raised in man.

In that sprouting seed and tiny sword-like leaf lies the whole meaning of life.

Wheat and bread are a part of that cycle which is the law of the universe, the law by which we are born, live and die, the law by which we are here on this earth, the law by which we leave our children behind us . . . the great, eternal and beautiful law of birth, growth, death, decay and rebirth.

Of all of this the grain of wheat is the symbol.

Throughout history the bread by which we live has been a symbol. In ancient faiths bread has been a god and in many parts of the earth where life is hard and soil infertile, bread today is still a god.

Bread has made empires and the dearth of bread has caused famines and revolution and the decline and fall of great nations.

In many countries bread is the king of the table and all else that comes upon the table is merely the court that surrounds the king. The courtiers are the soup, the meat, the vegetables, the salad . . . but Bread is King.

If there is bread, all else falls into place . . . but Bread is the King and the Foundation.

Serving the Bread King since the beginning of time have been the Miller and the Baker.

The story of Bread is the story of civilization itself.

Bread began when the half-savage animals that were primitive man stopped roaming the wilderness, surfeited one day and starving the next, his shelter only the lonely, windy cave or a hut of dying branches.

With the coming of bread, man could know that he would eat because his food did not depend upon the vagaries of the chase.

No longer does the rough millstone grind the flour.

In its place are great wheels and shafts driven by the power of the forces which the ancients feared and worshipped without understanding.

And the baker's shop is no longer a small dark cave in the narrow street bustling with people but a vast, airy, white palace in which the ground wheat is turned into bread.

And after ten thousand, fifty thousand years, bread is still King. He graces the tables of the rich and the poor alike for man with his skills and power has made the Bread King a part of the life of even the poorest citizen as well as a delicacy on the table of the gourmet.

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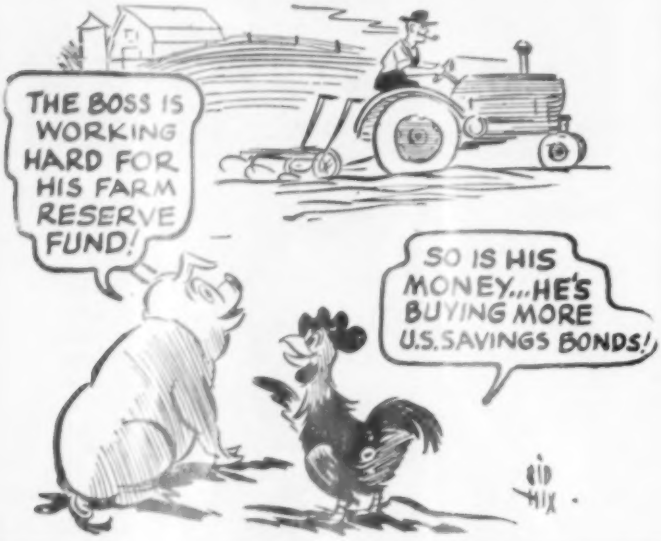

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HEREFORDS SWEEP STEER HONORS AT PHOENIX

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The Country Church With The Lord's Acre Plan

REV. DUMONT CLARKE

The first Lord's Acre reports from Western North Carolina and from other areas will appear in the January issue of "Farmers Federation News." The Anniversary issue in February will specialize, not so much with reports from many parts of the world, as hitherto, but rather with the setting forth of the many values in the Lord's Acre plan, as ministers and as lay leaders have expressed them.

The Town and Country Church In National Convocation

Three features of the National Convocation of the Church in Town and Country held at Springfield, Massachusetts, October 18-20, will be of interest to our readers.

Special recognition was given to the 25th Anniversary of the Lord's Acre movement. A citation was given to the director of the religious department of Farmers Federation. He, in turn, presented citations to Lord's Acre leaders in four states—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts. Each of these leaders gave a splendid report.

Professor Samuel Blizzard, rural sociologist of Pennsylvania State University, gave his first public report on a special study conducted with 344 selected rural ministers. The report stressed, above all, the need which the ministers expressed for a more adequate seminary training in counselling and in personal relationships. The thoroughness of scholarly preparation was not discounted, rather the importance was stressed of combining the scholar and the practitioner for an effective rural ministry. The minister will want to be prepared to live as an expert in a world of people, as well as the world of ideas.

Dr. Arthur T. Mosher, executive vice-president of Allahabad Institute, India, gave a penetrating analysis of the aspirations of the rural peoples of the world. He said, "There are many rural people without a destiny today—men living among the survivals of civilizations that have lost their power or which have been overwhelmed by the technical superiority of other civilizations that have overrun them." He called on Christian America to support to the utmost church programs to help the rural peoples of the world meet their "three great needs, the need for destiny, for vocation, and for productive societies in which to live."

National Convocation Of Presbyterian Rural Church

The Presbyterian National Convocation of the Rural Church was held at Springfield, Missouri, November 1-3, with more than 550 in attendance.

Dr. Henry S. Randolph, formerly principal of the Farm School, Swannanoa, now Warren Wilson College, gave an impressive history of the remarkable developments in the Rural Church Movement in the past three decades. He described the work of leaders of several denominations which had saved the rural church from the decadence which had been setting in so alarmingly. The efforts of these leaders, in cooperation with local ministers and their congregations, have resulted in a greatly-deepened interest in the rural church, and in the development of forces and methods which are steadily bringing increased vitality to the churches.

The director of the religious department of Farmers Federation served as chaplain of the Convocation. By special request, he gave three addresses upon Scripture-Prayer. The first was upon the use of memorized Scripture in Biblical times as the primary means by which believers maintained their relationship with God. The second address, which touched upon the sound psychology of the Biblical practice, described the great values of Scripture-Prayer for meeting all life-situations in the spirit of Christ. The third address dealt with the intensive cultivation of Scripture-Prayer in the present program of the rural church.

A group of Higdonville Baptist Church members is seen at the Lord's Acre corn project sponsored and worked by the Higdonville Community Club, Macon County.

Scripture-Prayer Verse for December

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights. James 1:17.

CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The coming of Christmas inevitably brings to thoughtful minds the supreme position of the Christian religion in the life of the world. During the past year, two of the nationally-circulated magazines have carried articles on the better known, numerically large religions of the world. These religions have been shown largely in a favorable light. A casual reader might easily be inclined to wonder if Christian missionary work were really needed in the lands where these religions predominate.

Mr. Clarke

Admitting that there are some real values in these religions, nonetheless we ask some searching questions. Why have the lands in which these religions have been practiced through long centuries remained economically backward, with very low standards of living? Why has literacy remained so appallingly low? Why has the status of women been so degraded and human life in general been of so little value? Why has polygamy been widely sanctioned? Why is there a prevailing lack of regard for honesty?

As we thoughtfully compare these religions with the Christian faith, we become aware that the non-Christian religions are simply inadequate to meet the needs of the world; and that only the Christian religion has the ideals and the spiritual dynamic to regenerate individual human life and social conditions.

The Christian religion alone provides the supreme ideal in the person of Jesus Christ; and His teachings, fulfilling those of the Old Testament law, are the supreme teachings for life. **Christ as teacher and Lord and Saviour is the Light of the world.**

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Thou robest in Thy splendor
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And helpest them to render
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Light of the world, illumine
This darkened earth of Thine,
Till everything that's human
Be filled with what's divine;
Till every tongue and nation,
From sin's dominion free,
Rise in the new creation
Which springs from love and Thee.

Long ago Isaiah gave the great prophecy, "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." Believing, as we do, that Christ is the fulfillment of this prophecy, and that "In Him was life; and the life was the Light of men," may we and His every professed follower seek earnestly to proclaim Him as alone the Light of the world!

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